



## DuPont expert to speak here February 13

The war is being fought and won in the research laboratory, the home, the factory, and on the farm as well as on the fields of battle all over the world, says V. S. Peterson, consultant, Du Pont Extension Division, who will speak at a University convocation at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Febr. 13.

Mr. Peterson will point out that while war is still a struggle between men, it has also become a gargantuan robot-like conflict between the multitudinous products of chemical, engineering, and other technical research.

How research has been speeded up to develop numerous chemical

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## "Song reveals war reaction"—Thompson

"Don't Fence Me In," the number one tune Americans are singing, has come by its popularity, says Dean W. H. Thompson because it is a manifestation of our subconscious reaction to the regimentation and restrictions imposed on everyone today.

"Although we accept these restrictions and rationalize them as we go along, we still have a tendency to compensate for them," he said. "This song is one manifestation."

It is quite significant, the psychologist believes, that of all the fears and anxieties stimulated by the war, claustrophobia—the fear of being closed in—is the one that is the most universally expressed.

## Faculties vote on problems, policies for war veterans

To help veterans returning from the armed forces secure the maximum educational benefits entitled them under the G. I. Bill of Rights and Public Law No. 16, the faculties of the University of Omaha, in a combined meeting recently voted to admit to classes any serviceman who can benefit from college training.

Although veterans will be encouraged to complete work for their high school diplomas, those who do not have them will be admitted to the university on the basis of psychological and subject matter tests.

"Non-high school graduates," said President Rowland Haynes, "will be encouraged to build up records to high school equivalency, and such records will be submitted to the high schools for issuance of diplomas. No one shall expect to certify to the high school equivalency whenever the secondary schools desire this service. Such records may be gained through passing of tests showing competency in the usual high school subjects."

If the need becomes urgent, the university will provide refresher courses so that servicemen may enter regular classes at frequent intervals during the semester. This plan as well as problems dealing with the policies the university will follow in evaluating the military experience of the veteran will be worked out in greater detail during the coming months under the guidance of the accrediting associations.

## SUMNER SLICHTER NAMED 1945 BAXTER LECTURER

Harvard economist will speak here April 5 and 6

Dr. Sumner H. Slichter, Lamont professor of economics at Harvard University and well-known author in the field, has been chosen as the Baxter lecturer for 1945 at the University of Omaha, it was announced today by Rowland Haynes, president of the university. Dr. Slichter will give two public addresses at the university the evenings of April 5 and 6.

The Baxter speaker is one of the outstanding authorities in the field of economics today, said E. M. Hosman, chairman of the university's Baxter committee, who with Clark Haas, Mrs. A. D. Dunn and Miss Jeannette McDonald made the selection this year. Dr. Slichter's topics will be announced later.

The Harvard economist received his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. In 1910 he was a student at the University of Munich. His teaching career began in 1919 when he was named to the staff of Princeton University. He has taught at Cornell and since 1940 has been on the staff at Harvard.

Dr. Slichter was a member of

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## Lookout, Duke!

It's evident that musicians have a code of ethics all their own.

The other day when Dr. Maine C. Andersen, director of the Student Health Service, asked Bill Cunningham, boogie-woogie man of the keyboard, to give him a few pointers on how to become another Pine Top Smith, Cunningham modestly and with wisdom referred the doctor to one of Omaha's eminent pianists.

"You've got to learn to play this long haired stuff well before you can do boogie-woogie," Cunningham pointed out. "Take my advice—go study with Professor Bush and then we can talk about boogie-woogie."

## Council inaugurates midyear tea-dance for new students

Extra curricular activities for the second semester at the university started off with a dash of color and imagination Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium with a tea-dance for new students.

Sponsored by the Student Council, the tea-dance was the first event on the midyear social calendar. It was the first time this type of entertainment has been provided incoming students at the midyear.

Hosts and hostesses at the tea-dance were members of the Student Council. Maxine Paulson was in charge of refreshments, and Jean Leimbach made arrangements for the recorded music.

## Your lunch - - a dime!

No reason now for that tired hungry feeling!

Honoring a special request of Mrs. Eileen Nuernberger, registered nurse in the Student Health Department, the cafeteria is featuring 5 cent bowls of soup during the months of February and March. The decrease in price actually puts the servings on a below-cost basis, but according to Miss Esther Wiechert, director of the cafeteria, the real justification for serving meals here is to provide proper nutrition for our students. The Student Health Department has been particularly interested in proper diets this year, and now urges students to eat more nourishing hot soup during the cold winter months—and less desserts and pop.

Lunch, consisting of a large bowl of thick hot soup, crackers and a glass of milk (or chocolate milk) is now available for 10 cents.

## Council schedules 3 group study rooms

Under the sponsorship of the Student Council, three approved study rooms will be available now for university students the second semester.

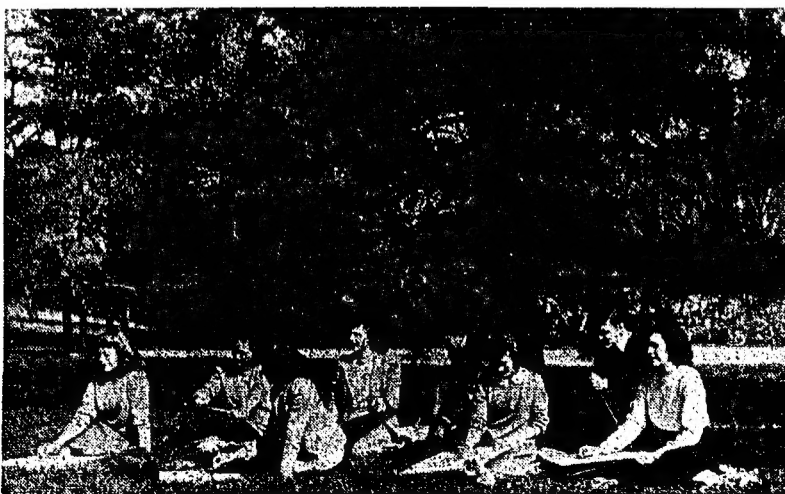
John W. Lucas, dean of students, said last week that the study rooms made available have been arranged primarily for those students who want to study in groups. In these rooms students may talk and discuss their lessons as they wish, which, of course, cannot be done in the library. So long as the students use this privilege as they should, he said, the rooms will be reserved for study purposes throughout the semester.

The rooms and the study hours are as follows: Room 203 from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.; room 213, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.; and room 291, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.—all five days per week. Stuart Borg was chairman in charge of arrangements for the council. Students are requested to turn the lights out when they leave the room.

## Dr. Ward is officer in chemical society

Dr. Nell Ward of the chemistry faculty of the University of Omaha was elected secretary-treasurer of the Omaha section of the American Chemical Society at a meeting of the group Thursday evening at the university. Miss Ward succeeds J. W. Britton, who resigned from office recently. Industrial movies were shown at the meeting.

## This is NOT a picture taken at UCLA; there were such days here



Left to right: Norma Jacobus, Pat Larson, Jeanne Franzen, Pat McKean, Ross Castro, Doris Edgerton, Seb Spagnuolo and Jean Noble.

During the fall weeks of the semester, art students at the university took advantage of Indian summer weather to go out on the campus or down into Elmwood park with paints and charcoal to capture the beauties of autumn.

Under the direction of Dr. Berthe Koch and Miss Marian Peck, students have shown increasing skill and achievement.

A display of some of the fall sketching and painting is planned for the near future in either the student lounge or first floor halls.

## FLUFF AND STUFF

BILL BAILEY, WON'T YOU PLEASE COME HOME?

Life is gay in this new semester . . . what with everyone taking out their glass eyes and playing marbles in the hall, throwing gooloshes in the locker room, flipping nickles off the clock, etc. . . . no one will ever know who it is that deals this spell, mr. miller, so you might as well stop your sleuthing . . . heh . . . and then there was the first time donna saw a baseball game . . . she rushed onto the diamond with the smelling salts 'cause she heard there was a man out on second . . . recent triangles round hyar: burt-andre-smith; frank-jo-louie; finch-stelge-myrt; pat-hank-hall; hotsinger-johnson-briggs; shupe-wally-martin; frank-evie-arthur; harvey-mayhall-leonard; amldon-susie-wenda; wendt-roberts-ole; jimmie-jan-chuck; du vall-stu-harbaugh; artie-dottle-artie; kinnick-gehr-kirby; brown-spellman-sammy; skog-irwin-fred; jim-glin-nie-chuck; pat-halsey-hart; parsley-evans-gelger; paul-ellie-bob; nelson-robinson-cobb . . .

Two lost freshmen wander through the halls . . . cabbage—"how do you know where all your classes are?" . . . randall—"oh, i know" . . . cabbage—"do you have a list?" . . . randall—"no, i always walk like this . . . due to popular request miss gumdroll is on vacation for the next month or so . . . bowling league news: phi delts over the gammas . . . sig chi's over the pi o's . . . don't the fellas know it's a GIRLS bowling deal . . . do you mind if we hit you on the brow with this champagne bottle, we haven't had our launch yet . . . shall we dance? . . . a little music joe . . .

The rose this week goes to (suspence suspence suspence - - -) jim mccauley in congratulation for his mighty neat column this last semester . . . we're all sorry to see you go to sea, see? . . . but, sob, well, sob, here's an old beaten up rose, sob sob . . . now let someone say this is a dry column . . . secret unexpressed desires; arms—to walk nonchalantly into an exam, sit down calmly and proceed to slowly eat the exam . . . paulie—camp some week-end up in the cupola . . . moredick shave charlie's beard . . . rees—pry a blackboard loose, tie a rope onto it, and in the middle of a lecture pull it down on the prof's head . . . we'll all miss johnie, smokey, larry, jerry, shea, hazelrig, budde, pansy, smith, and lucy who jerned the navy . . .

Did you hear about the pussy cat who loved to watch tennis matches cause after all his father was in the racket . . . haw . . . killing, isn't it . . . it takes a lot of guts to say that . . . congratulations to the new engaged couple, bill and lynn . . . did you hear about how andre knows frankie and he sends all her men to the same camps . . . makes for convenience . . . keep your eye on romance—namely donnadean and dick . . . welcome to mary lou's little brother . . . and so with this thought we leave you . . . oh well so we should have left before.

## jabber by jeannie

Now that the greatest "crime" of all has been committed—and believe me, we were all partners in crime—everyone has relaxed and taken off his shoes—including Norma Jacobus who is still looking for hers! The newest and greenest froshies who experienced their first round of exams wandered around in a hazy daze to be sure—but now we have been initiated to the grind, and next semester there'll be some changes made! See if anyone studies at all then—who ever saw a term final with questions about what you have studied anyhow! Oh well—another day, another "D." Hm! "D Day!"

The newest, freshest froshies are beginning to look more at home now—and that hot "boogie" you hear in the lounge comes from the rippling fingers of none other than froshie Jack Gsantner—who, among other things, plays bass with Ed Haddad. (Paid advertisement!) First complaint comes from I'll Margie Cabbage—saying she can't study in the library. "It Seems to Me I've Heard That Song Before!!!" We are anxious to get acquainted with all of you newsletters—let's hear more about you real soon. Don't be bashful or shy. Or did anyone ever hear of a shy collegiate.

THINGS WE FROSHIES WONDERED ABOUT: Why Charlie Amidon and Dean Smith refused to exert themselves more than necessary during exam week, and decided to save energy by not shaving? A certain brunette was

purty mad at two certain redheads about one certain screwy resolution. But everything came out all right—cause the culprits finally shaved.

We found a lot of O. U. Indians at the annual Krazy Quilt—although we refused to speak to a few individuals. Willy Wendt had a tummy ache—from peppermint schnapps—he says. We saw him cutting some fancy "didoes"—but not on the dance floor! Everyone knew that O. U. was there by the singing of the O. U. pep song—"Super Su-u-uds." Something new has been added, too. Drex Sibbernson was a stag for the first time in his very whole life—and at last reports was doing—O. K. Has another good man joined the ranks of "just the boys?" Could it have been the influence of Kenny "Eager Beaver" Cobb???

Elegy to the locker room:

The snow is come.  
There are ice underfoot.  
I wonder where  
My galoshes is put?

Faces of those we are going to miss this semester include those of Johnny Boo, Larry Osborne, Mokey Stover, and Wayne Hazelrigg. Ain't no excitement nowhere anymore!!!

TIP FOR THE WEEK: Study at the beginning of the semester and don't give the deans a chance to get chummy with your ma and pa. It might prove to be a big surprise.

Speaking of surprises, we've never seen anything like the look on Smith's face when he discovered that some O. Uers had invaded his "rec room" a couple nights before he left for the A. A. F. The party in the caf next

## Ad Lib

MARION KELLER

Frankie Carle showed Omaha one of the most versatile bands in the country when he played here recently. The band is large and featured the rhythm section, which is dilos. All the vocal arrangements were fine, and vocalist Paul Allen's interpretation of "Begin the Beguine" was different, although it was a trifle on the stuffy side. A medley of tunes that he has recorded for Columbia gave Carle a chance to show off his "golden touch;" Phyllis Lynne and Lee Columbo handled their vocal numbers nicely.

Good news for the T. D. fans—his latest release is "Opus," which was composed by Sy Oliver, and "I Dream of You"—"Opus" really swings along, while the ballad is done in the traditional Dorsey manner. Capitol's contribution is Johnny Mercer's new platter, "Acc-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive," this rhythm number is struggling to become a hit. (Wait until it's number one on the Hit Parade—then, "Larry" Tibbett will swing it for his many fans!)

A poll of 75 Omaha U. students proves that they appreciate the best in swing music; when asked to name their favorite jive band, 19 chose the Horn, alias Harry James, and 11 chose Glenn Miller. In the category of sweet music, Glenn Miller took first place, with Sammy Kaye coming in second; Tommy Dorsey came in third in both of these groups. Bing Crosby, whose newest disc is "Evelina" from "Bloomer Girl" (Decca), got 45 votes, winning the title of "favorite man vocalist" without much competition from Sinatra, who received only 10 votes: Dinah Shore and Frances Langford are the winners in the girl vocalist division, while Harry James and Benny Goodman won in the instrumental soloist group. Favorite local orchestra is Eddy Haddad.

day made it a double surprise. Orchids to Millie for the cake.

KWESTION KORNER: One naughty little Indian is going to be an "A" model good boy this semester. Ray Olson's mommy is coming out to keep an eye on her mischievous little son. The question is—"Why???" And here are some more questions we'd like to have answered: Who was the mean froshie who laughed at a bunch of weeping femmes in the four tower, "Since You Went Away?" Why is M. J. R. singing "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby" for her theme song??? Why does Uncle Sammy have to take away the favorite member of the newly formed Gargoyles??? (For info, see M. A.) Are Dona and Dick steadying it??? Why did we see so many froshies with coats on in classes last Monday? Could it have had anything to do with new locker combinations???

We saw all of you enjoying yourselves at the tea dance last Wednesday. We have come to the decision that there are more "jitter bugs" than "book worms" among youse. (Pun!)

This column replaces "How Green Is Our Campus" by Jim McCauley. Our aim is to maintain the same high standard that "H. G. Is O. C." has established. And now—until next issue—a fond adieu—au revoir—good bye and all that sort of stuff. Remember to send all your exclusive scoops to the Gateway, care of this column.

## THE WAR AND YOU

### Home on leave

Former students visiting at the university while spending leaves and furloughs at home recently have been Lt. Kenneth Bowyer of the Marine Air Corps; Lt. Jerry Trude, Army Air Corps; Sgt. Charles Karpf, Army Air Forces; Sgt. Arnold Hoffman, Army; and Ensign Bob Rousek of the Merchant Marine.

Sergeant Hoffman has been stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Sergeant Karpf was to report at Greensboro, N. C., after his stay in Omaha. Lieutenant Trude stopped in Omaha between his duties at Pratt, Kans., and his new station in California.

Lieutenant Bowyer spent 16 months flying a Corsair in the south Pacific. He and Lt. Bob Griffith were stationed at Bougainville at the same time and returned to the states together. Lieutenant Bowyer also met Lt. Al Garrotto while overseas.

"Sidney is a marvelous town," declared Bowyer. "They have good food, nice girls, modern buildings and it looks like an American town." The flier spent 23 days in Australia on leave.

### Women of war

Mary L. Parks is now a major at Camp Lejeune, N. C., where



Major Parks



S1c A. Jacobsen

she is commanding officer of the women's corps battalion there. She was a member of the first women's Marine officer candidate class and received her training at Mount Holyoke College.

Ensign Shirley Buchanan spent a few days in Omaha recently before reporting to the SPAR base at Atlantic City to teach communications.

Lt. Betty Leake, Army Nurses' Corps, is now stationed at Lowry Field in Denver.

S 1/c Alma Jacobsen of the WAVES was in Omaha recently. She is now stationed at the naval base at Farragut, Ida.

Lt. Helen L. Miller is serving as a ward nurse with the Army's sixth general hospital, now set up near Rome. Overseas nine months,

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## The War and You

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Lieutenant Miller wears the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with one battle star.

S 1/c Betty Jane Earp, WAVE, was graduated from storekeepers school at Georgia State College and has now been assigned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

## Graduations, promotions

Robert J. Graham has been graduated from the Deming Army Air Field as a bombardier and commissioned a second lieutenant. Also commissioned a second lieutenant is Dallas Madison. He was graduated from engineers school at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Graduated from midshipman's



Lieutenant  
Graham



Ens. R. Ahlbeck

school at Northwestern University and commissioned an ensign is Robert H. Ahlbeck. He is to report to Hollywood, Fla., for his next assignment. Also commissioned an ensign is Willis Harkness, who was graduated from the Naval Air Training Base at Corpus Christi recently.

Commissioned lieutenants in the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N. C., recently are J. Darrell Clemmer and Richard Burrell. Both are now in the Pacific area.

Promoted to the rank of first lieutenant is Cecil Meade Chamberlin. Robert H. Storz has been promoted to the rank of major at the Lincoln Army Air Field, where he is the operations officer of the field. In February, 1943, as a B-24 pilot he participated in the first low altitude bombing mission of the Ploesti oil fields in Romania.

## Citations, awards

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Major Storz



Lt. Seline

Lt. Seaver A. Seline has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served as a co-pilot in an Eighth Air Force B-17 in England and was in Omaha the first part of January on leave.

Recently awarded the Air Medal are Capt. Robert Hefflinger of the Marines, and Lt. William McOmber. Captain Hefflinger has completed over 56 combat missions as a veteran member of the "Ace of Spades" squadron in the central Pacific. Lieutenant McOmber is with a Marauder Bomber group in Corsica.

Lt. Charles Miller has been promoted to rank of captain. He holds the air medal, and 12 oak leaf clusters. His unit won a presidential citation during the drive on the Anzio beach and has been cited

## University debate team will attend Lincoln tournament

Six University of Omaha debaters will participate in an invitational debate tournament at the University of Nebraska Febr. 23 and 24 on the question of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes. Teams from more than 20 schools are expected to be entered in the tourney.

James McCauley, John Kirkland, Marian Mortensen, Arthur Novacek, Morris Kolnick and Richard Johnson will represent Omaha University at the Lincoln debates.

The debate team has already participated in two practice tournaments out of town. Jan. 27 they debated with teams from the University of Nebraska and Doane College at Lincoln. Last Saturday they traveled to Midland College for a practice debate with that school.

Early in March, the debate group expects to present a convocation here, and later that month they will take part in a panel discussion on the tariff question at Dundee Presbyterian Church.

Senior cord day was observed on the Purdue campus recently. Senior men wearing derbies, yellow cords, plaid shirts and carrying canes and smoking cigars, formed a pre-football game parade.

by the Free French. Individual members were presented with the Croix de Guerre. He has been on more than 50 missions.

## Special interest

Lt. Donald Brownell, a fighter pilot with the 15th AAF P-51 Mustang fighter group, has been overseas since October. His group has been awarded two presidential citations for outstanding achievements in aerial combat and is credited with the greatest single fighter group aerial victory of the Italian campaign—the destruction of 37 enemy planes north of Venice Jan. 30.



Captain  
Hefflinger



Lieut. Miller

Ensign Walter Mench has been designated executive officer of an LCI in the Mediterranean area.

Lt. Donald Ostrand recently participated in a B-24 Liberator group's 100th mission.

Capt. Paul Neafus has been appointed assistant operations officer of his B-25 Mitchell bomber squadron, now based on Corsica. He has been awarded the DFC and Air Medal with 8 oak leaf clusters. After flying 50 combat missions in the Mediterranean theater, he returned to the states for a leave and was then reassigned to his original group.

Maj. James Westerfield is now special services officer at Camp Stoneman, Calif. He was also in service for two years in World War I.

## Muir flies lopsided square on her first 'solo flight' in Link trainer

By BARBARA MUIR

"Would you like to ride in a Link trainer just like those used to train air corps men and get a good story for the Gateway," asked the editor with his "of course you don't dare say no" smile.

Remembering that I would like to pass my journalism course, the next day found me down at WAC recruiting headquarters.

I looked at the blue and yellow Link trainer while one of the WACs explained how she would chart my course and how it would be recorded so that later I could see how well I kept on it.

When I climbed into the trainer and saw the instrument panel, I didn't think much about it. But when she told me to keep my eyes on all the instruments at once, that did it!

She started me out easily, but I soon went into a spin, forgetting all my previous instructions about air speed, keeping the nose up and the wings level. I was helpless until she came to my aid, repeating her instructions. I leveled off and determined to do better this time. I started out by turning left until she told me to stop, on the first lap of my attempt to fly a perfect square.

Fifteen minutes later, I reluctantly climbed out and walked over to the desk to see what kind of a pattern I had made. My square wasn't bad, she told me kindly, except for one corner where I had gone into another spin.

After a coke at the WAC Salon and a movie which showed WACs in hospitals writing letters for wounded men, amusing them and helping them keep up their morale

while on the road back to health I came away impressed with the real need for qualified women to fill these positions.

They explained about the WAC drive on now to recruit women to take care of the wounded American boys who are being sent home by the shipload. They told me that not only skilled nurses and assistants are needed but that the WAC is prepared to train any qualified woman for interesting duty and a profitable postwar career. Dental and medical technicians, hospital orderlies, opticians, pharmacists, X-ray technicians and many other positions offer openings.

F. S.—How do you think I'd look in a WAC uniform?

## Baxter speaker

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the staff of the Brookings Institute from 1925 to 1930. He is a member of the Social Science Research Council and chairman of the research advisory board committee for economic development since 1942. He has served as president of the American Economic Association.

The Harvard professor has a number of popular books to his name in the field of economics—among them "The Turnover of Factory Labor," "Modern Economic Society," "Trade Union Policy and Industrial Management" and "Present Savings in Postwar Markets," a book published two years ago.

The Baxter lectures April 5 and 6 are the fifth in a series made possible by a \$10,000 gift to the university by the late Mrs. William F. Baxter as a memorial to her husband.

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## Cosmopolitan Club first meeting will be held Febr. 14

The first meeting of the newly organized Cosmopolitan Club will be held Wednesday noon, Febr. 14, in Room 209. Raymond R. Brown of the Urban League and Mr. Okura, a Japanese from Boys Town, will speak and lead a discussion on racial problems. All students are invited.

The purpose of this new organization is defined as follows: To start students thinking about racial, national and cultural problems; to get facts on these subjects; to discover what can be done by the individual to rectify some of the serious wrongs and to get the viewpoints of experts on all sides of these conflicting problems.

"The club is not to start a crusade to reform the world nor to put pressure on any groups or individuals," said President Jean Holland. "It is simply to try to get a better understanding of these problems from the absolutely factual material presented."

The executive board has five other programs which are tentatively planned for the second semester. Febr. 28 will be a follow-up discussion on the racial question carried on by a panel appointed by Jewell Miller, program chairman; the third and fourth meetings will feature religious problems discussed by a Protestant, a Catholic, and a Jewish church leader; and the fifth and sixth meetings will deal with national problems discussed by foreign counsels.

As each subject is brought up, a corresponding bibliography will be made for members who wish to delve into the matter more thoroughly.

Acting officers of the club are Jean Holland, president; Jewell Miller, vice president and program chairman; Maxine Sharpe, secretary; and Pierre Lawson, treasurer. The officers and four class representatives to be included on the executive board will be elected at the first meeting. Dr. Hugh Tudor of the History Department and Dr. T. Earl Sullenger, chairman of the Sociology Department, are sponsors.



V. S. PETERSON

### DuPont expert

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products and replacements for unavailable materials required for all-out war will be outlined by the speaker, with numerous concrete illustrations and examples. He will show that modern war is a conflict of chemicals and that without a highly developed chemical industry this country today would be helpless.

Mr. Peterson will make it clear that several important materials now of utmost importance in the war were not even known or were just emerging from the test-tube stage to commercial applications when the war began.

The speaker will emphasize the fact that after the war, of course, the tremendous fund of scientific information now being created by wartime necessity will be utilized for the making of things for post-war peacetime uses undreamed of only a short time ago.

Mr. Peterson also stresses the fact that large quantities of materials grown on the farm eventually become war weapons as well

as the implements of everyday living and farming. He will display a wide selection of chemical products now being made, particularly those utilizing the raw materials produced on the farm.

### Final entry date for Sher essays set for Febr. 17

Entry in the annual Dr. Phillip Sher essay contest on "Racial and Religious Mutual Respect" must be

## Frances Key will direct dramatics group this year

Mrs. Frances McChesney Key has been named dramatics coach at the University of Omaha for the second semester, according to John W. Lucas, dean of students.

Thirty-three students attended the first organization meeting of the new Dramatics Club Jan. 26. In the future, the group will meet each Friday afternoon from 5 to 6 in room 386. Any student interested in dramatics is invited to attend.

In addition to discussing dramatic programs for the second semester, the students Friday named Patricia Smith president of the club; Marisu Moredick, vice president; Marilyn Henderson, secretary; and Robert Steiger, treasurer.

made by Febr. 17, it was announced today by Dr. W. H. Thompson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Prizes in the contest amount to \$100.

The original essay must not exceed 3,500 words and must be typed in double spacing on 8½ by 11 inch paper. The essay, enclosed in an envelope, should be in Dean Thompson's office by not later than 4 p. m. Friday, March 30. The name of the writer should appear on a separate sheet of paper, not on the essay.

Judges chosen from sources outside the university will judge the essays on the basis of originality, factual basis for conclusions, coherence and orderly arrangement of materials, correctness of expression and general appeal to the public.

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# World travels with Merchant Marine described by Rousek

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Editor's note: Mr. Rousek, who is now an ensign in the Merchant Marine, was a journalism student at the University of Omaha in 1942-43.

By ROBERT ROUSEK

Million dollar Hindu temples, which you must enter with your shoes off. Temperatures in the Red Sea ranging from 120 degrees by day to 60 degrees at night. The Rock of Gibraltar which reminds you of life insurance. These, just to name a few, are things that are every day sights when you are in the Merchant Marine.

Two years ago I enlisted in this branch of the service, which I felt then and found out for sure later is doing one of the greatest jobs of the war. Since then I've seen a major portion of the world and still haven't found a place I like better than home.

But to begin at the first. After enlisting things began to happen pretty fast. The group I was with left Omaha one day at noon and got into New York the following evening. Grand Central Station really looked big. After waiting for what seemed like hours for someone to take charge of us and tell us where to go, we began to wish they had beds there. Finally a pair of burly M. A.'s (Master-at-Arms) took us in charge, and we were off to Sheepshead Bay Maritime Training Station.

Man, was life different after that. For the first week we had a swab in one hand and a pail in the other. Never knew a head could get so dirty. The second week we had classes during the day and stood fire watch at night. Fire watch is staying awake two hours in the middle of the night listening to several hundred fellows snore in the same number of different keys.

### Not all pleasure

In the midst of all this I found time to take aptitude tests, I. Q. tests, etc.—to see if I was qualified to go to Radio School. They must have needed radio men badly—I got to go.

When I arrived at Boston to take radio training, I found out that I was at last through with much of the manual labor. But as usual there was a catch in it—we had to study.

After completing seven months at Radio School, I found myself aboard a training ship somewhere out of New York. Have you ever been seasick? Take it from me, never get that way. It feels like your stomach has declared war on the rest of you. Nothing that looks, tastes or smells like food has a ghost of a chance staying down, and if you could quietly die you would be the happiest person in the world.

When that ordeal was over and after a leave at home, I found myself aboard my first ship bound for ports unknown. And wonder of wonders I actually liked it.

The first few weeks at sea gives one a good general idea of what a life at sea is like. As a general rule it is sort of dull. Most of the men stand their two hour-hour watches a day. The engine crew below sees that the screw is turning, and the deck force keeps the ship from the rocks and tries to look seaworthy. The cargo, everything from candy bars to tanks for men on the front lines, must be watched so that it doesn't shift

and cause the ship to lose speed or go to the bottom. All in all, ship life is, in my opinion, looking forward to the next port. If it weren't for the recreation furnished by card games and the radio, the time at sea would be merely existing—not living.

On my first trip across, I couldn't help wondering if all those travel posters were right. After seeing several countries, I am beginning to believe they exaggerate slightly. Almost anything you hear about those "fascinating far away lands where the air is filled with magic and romance" can be taken with a grain of salt—in fact two grains would be better.

Fascinating in a gruesome sort of way is India, where professional beggars are always underfoot. Or if you like romance accompanied by streets ankle deep in mud and smelling like a glue factory, you can have Italy.

### Wonders of the World

But it's not all like that. There's nothing more beautiful than a sunset in the Indian Ocean or a moonlight night over the Mediterranean. And in Egypt, the Sphinx, the pyramids, in fact all the ancient monuments of the kings of the Nile cause one to marvel. The churches of Italy, the great engineering feat of the Suez Canal, the sacrificial temples of India—are all inspiring to see.

But to me, and to just about every other sailor or soldier who goes overseas, the greatest sight of all is the Statue of Liberty. This means home—baseball and football, Sunday nights in the park, juke boxes, radio commercials—all the things that you miss in a foreign country. When you see "the lady with her torch" you know what is meant by the old saying—"It's good to travel, but it's better to come home."

Don't get me wrong, I like to

Faculty and administrative personnel revealed their taste in paintings, which Dr. Berthe C. Koch of the art department terms "excellent," by choosing 10 new prints to decorate the faculty lounge.

The selection was made from a group of 35 prints hung in room 350 by the fine arts department. Members of the faculty came to the octagonal room at their leisure during the several weeks the paintings were displayed and hung colored pins on the preferred prints.

Rockwell Kent's "Winter" was given first preference. Monet's "Vetheuil, 1881," Derain's "Great Pine," Paul Cezanne's "Mill on the Coulevre Near Pontoise," "Rafael's 'The Widower,'" Pissarro's "Street at Rouen," Valedon's "Sacre Coeur de Montmartre," Friesz's "Landscape," Pissarro's "Paysage," and Utrello's "Village Square," are the other paintings selected, listed in order of their preference.

"I believe the faculty showed fine taste in their selection," said Dr. Koch. "It will be an excellent show, and the paintings are very suitable to the room."

Members of the Student Council are choosing new paintings to be hung in the Student Lounge from a like collection.

### Movie tickets available

Tickets for French movies, sponsored by the Alliance Francaise of Omaha, may be obtained from Miss Gertrude Kincaide of the foreign language department.

These movies will be shown at the Joslyn Memorial and Muse theater. Students do not have to be enrolled in French classes to obtain tickets. The price is 50 cents.

travel, but only in a country where you can ask for a hot dog and get one—with mustard.

## Former student heads Russian war relief here

Russian war relief work in Omaha is being managed by Mrs. Betty Hughes Clark, former Omaha university student and secretary to Finance Secretary Charles Hoff during 1939 and 1940. The relief office is under supervision of the Community Chest and is a member of the president's war council board for relief aid to stricken countries, which includes 22 foreign nations. At present this office is sending aid to both Poland and Czechoslovakia in addition to regular Russian relief work.

Mrs. Clark has been the executive secretary for Russian war relief for only a month and hopes to contact more prospective workers in the near future than she has been able to as yet. As a former student of Omaha university, she feels the sororities could do a great deal to assist in this work. "For instance," she illustrates, "if each member of the individual sororities would bring some certain article to the sorority meeting once a month, several home emergency kits could be filled easily. These kits contain 26 useful articles, such as a spool of thread, needles, buttons and knitting needles." Mrs. Clark hopes to address the sororities soon.

The office is staffed by volunteer workers who organize programs in sewing and knitting, in fitting home emergency kits and in gathering old clothing. As few as one and as many as 40 workers sometimes assist in the office at 1810 Farnam street. The articles collected are packed and shipped to ports once a week by Omaha's Russian colony, also working on a volunteer basis. Last month alone Omaha sent over two and one-half carloads of clothing and one-half a carload of home emergency kits to coastal ports where Soviet ships carry the goods to Russia.

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## S. A. E. Bits

The third annual Book Review-ers' Conference held at the University of Omaha last November was the subject of a substantial news item in the Adult Education Bulletin of the National Educational Association for December, 1944.

The adult education office has received letters from librarians and adult education directors in other states asking for suggestions on an adult education Book Review-ers' Conference.

Mrs. Mary Frances Boyd of the Language Department of Drake University was guest reviewer at the Dime Book Review and Tekamah Book Review last week.

Miss Georgia Bliss, after completing some 30 hours of work in the School of Adult Education, has now registered for a full time program in the day school.

Mrs. Myrtle Towne, who has been taking supervised home study courses with the School of Adult Education, has completed a sufficient number of units to qualify for a diploma. These credits have been transferred to the Red Oak High School where they have been approved and authorized as a basis for a diploma.

For the benefit of new students this semester, the assistant in the registrar's office is Miss Alice Paul; in the business office, Miss Wilda Tvrdy; and in the bookstore, Miss Lucile Rushlau.

The final session of the 1945 Church Ushers Course will be held Febr. 13. The guest speakers will be Norman Dold of Chicago, the Rt. Rev. Howard Brinker of Omaha and President Rowland Haynes.

Eighteen people have registered for the business English class this semester.

### Blatz—Feature Speaker

The second annual Parent Education Institute will be held May 1 and 2 in the University of Omaha auditorium. Dr. William E. Blatz, psychological consultant for the Dionne Quintuplets, will be the guest speaker.

The University of Nebraska Extension Division has announced a Book Reviewers' Conference to be held at Grand Island. The conference is being arranged by Mrs. Roy Green.

### Trends in Adult Education

The State of Michigan reports: "More students are enrolled in academic courses than in former semesters. In the Detroit area there has been a decided decrease (in enrollments) in the technical field. The interest in foreign languages continues to increase with Russian high in popularity."

The median level of education of the American soldier in this war is the second year of high school as compared with sixth grade education held by the average doughboy in the last war. In this war 23.5 per cent of the sol-

## Real estate will be subject of new evening course

Fundamentals of real estate, a course in the evening School of Adult Education, will be offered beginning Febr. 12 for a period of 10 weeks. The class will be taught by Lewis Sholes, prominent realtor. It will be in session each Monday evening.

The real estate course is offered in co-operation with the Omaha Real Estate Board. It will provide an opportunity for realtors and others interested in the management and care of property to study the field in the light of modern methods and practices. The course is also designed for employees in real estate offices.

Lectures and discussions will deal with:

Types of ownership.

Conveyances, deeds, leases, contracts.

City growth, city planning, land value.

The business of real estate—the broker.

Residential construction and planning.

Real estate financing.

The function of appraisal.

Technique of securing prospects.

Making a sale.

Professional ethics.

The successful completion of this course will be a helpful preparation for those who look forward to the Nebraska Real Estate Examination as a prerequisite for a license to deal in real estate.

## Florence Langmade starts sixth year as SAE employee

Bouquets this week go to Miss Florence Langmade of the School of Adult Education office.

Miss Langmade, assistant to E. M. Hosman, director of the school, has completed her fifth year in the employ of the university. She is responsible for payrolls and other accounting and secretarial duties in the adult school office. She also helps with the promotion and reception for the meetings of the Town and Gown Club, the Dime Book Reviews and so forth.

diers have completed four years of high school, whereas 3.5 per cent had in the last war.

There seems to be much interest in a bill now before Congress to appropriate federal aid funds for adult education.

The California Legislature is considering a state education bill.

Did you know there was a correspondence school for the blind? This school is known as the Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind, and is located at Winnetka, Ill. Among the courses offered are shorthand, salesmanship, typewriting and psychology.

## Schedule Church Music Institute for Febr. 19 to 22 for church musicians

Activity tickets will permit all evening school students to attend the organ recital by Prof. Arthur Jennings at First Methodist Church Monday evening, Febr. 19 at 8:30.

The Church Music Institute, to be held at the University of Omaha Febr. 19, 20, 21 and 22, will feature nationally known guest lecturers from other cities as well as prominent Omaha church musicians and directors. The institute, sponsored by the School of Adult Education, will open with an organ recital Monday evening. The remainder of the institute will be devoted to choir clinics and panel discussions on subjects pertaining to the music of worship.

Prof. Arthur Jennings, University of Minnesota organist and choirmaster at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, will serve as guest director. Dr. Earl E. Harper, dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Iowa, and Dr. Arthur E. Westbrook, director of the Fine Arts School at Nebraska Univer-

sity, will also speak to Institute members.

Martin Bush, head of the Music Department at Omaha University, is chairman of the institute committee. Assisting him will be Miss Henrietta Rees, dean of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Guild of Organists; Miss Elizabeth Kaho, University of Omaha music instructor; Mrs. Howard Rushton, organist and choir director at First Methodist Church in Omaha; Miss Ruth Dreamer, dean of the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists; James H. Simms, organist and choir director at All Saints Church in Omaha; Rev. John M. Phillips, pastor of First Central Congregational Church in Omaha and religion instructor at Omaha University; E. M. Hosman, director of the Omaha University School of Adult Education; Dr. Wilfred Payne of the university's Humanities Department; and Mrs. Harvey Milliken, chairman of the music committee at First Central Congregational Church, Omaha.

Enrollments have been arranged for groups as well as individuals.

## BEGIN PLANS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

It may sound like "rushing the season," but Night School Director Hosman already is laying plans for the summer program.

Students interested in special courses next summer should indicate their desires now, he says. A note to the director or to the registrar will help to insure the kind of summer program students really need.

## University library shows up well in No. Central survey

A recent library survey conducted by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools showed that the library of the University of Omaha ranks in quality with those of the best university libraries of the country.

The study, which was made by Dean A. J. Brumbaugh and D. M. Mackenzie of Chicago, included 309 institutions accredited by the North Central association. The report is now published in the current issue of the association's quarterly.

In a check of the number and quality of the university library's books, periodicals and expenditures for books, Omaha university ranked in the top quarter of the accredited institutions offering bachelor's and master's degrees.

Miss Ellen Lord, university librarian, said that the library now has 75,000 books, not counting some 10,000 bound government documents and more than 340 periodicals.

To assist the investigators in checking the quality of college libraries, the association developed a select list of books which would

## University given gift of art folio

A five-volume folio of reproductions of Egyptian art from the library of the late Dr. August F. Jonas, Omaha surgeon, has been given the University of Omaha art department by Mrs. Jonas, according to Dr. Berthe C. Koch, chairman of the department. Dr. Jonas was chief surgeon of the Union Pacific railroad here for a number of years and served as vice president of the American Medical Association.

"These volumes fill a great gap in our reproductions of that nature," says Dr. Koch, "for such volumes cannot be obtained today unless they come from some private collection."

The university has borrowed these books for a number of years for the use of art students, and now Mrs. Jonas has made the university a gift of them.

## Postwar materials use taught in design class

How to add new beauty and usefulness to rooms, uses of new and postwar types of decorative materials and plastics, line and design, lighting and color harmony are a few of the topics to be discussed and studied in the University of Omaha School of Adult Education class in interior designing, scheduled to begin Wednesday evening.

The lectures and discussions, directed by Miss Jessica Wilson, will be supplemented with motion and still pictures, materials and plans for design. The class will meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 for 10 weeks.

give an accurate index of each library's holdings. The Omaha university library, Miss Lord said, included so many of the books on this select list that it was able to achieve its high rating.